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## Abstract

The invention relates to a security paper for producing value documents, such as bank notes, passports, identification documents or the like, having a flat substrate (12) provided at least partly with a dirt-repellent protective layer (14) for extending the life time and fitness for circulation. According to the invention, the protective layer (14) comprises at least two lacquer layers (16, 18), a first lower lacquer layer (16) being formed by a physically drying lacquer layer applied to the substrate (12) which makes contact with the substrate (12) therebelow and closes its pores, and a second upper lacquer layer (18) being present which protects the substrate (12) from physical and chemical influences.

Figure 2